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IN LOVING MEMORY  
Of  
**Evangelist Mildred Christian Bratcher**



**Friday, September 19, 1986**  
**11:30 A.M.**

**Emmanuel Church of God in Christ**  
1399 East 33rd Street  
Los Angeles, California

**Elder Leroy R. Mardis**  
Officiant

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## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

### DEACONS:

MANCE JAMES  
HENRY JENKINS  
ARTHUR JONES  
WILBERT JONES

SAMUEL POLLOCK  
GEORGE SMITH  
HIRAM WILBOURNE  
WILLIAM FREEMAN

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

So. California First Jurisdiction, Puritans  
Emmanuel C.O.G.I.C. Mother's Board #2

### *The Praying Hands*

The "Praying Hands" are much, much more than just a work of art  
They are the soul's creation of a deeply thankful heart.  
They are a priceless masterpiece that love alone could paint,  
And they reveal the selflessness of an unheralded saint.  
These hands, so scarred and toilworn, tell the story of a man  
Who sacrificed his talent in accordance with God's plan—  
For in God's plan are many things man cannot understand,  
But we must trust God's judgment. And be guided by His hand.  
Sometimes He asks us to give up our dreams of happiness,  
Sometimes we must forego our hopes of fortunate and success—  
Not all of us can triumph or rise to heights of fame,  
And many times what should be ours, goes to another name—  
But he who makes a sacrifice to another may succeed,  
Is indeed a true disciple of our blessed Saviour's creed.  
For when we give ourselves away in sacrifice and love,  
We are laying up rich treasures in God's kingdom up above.  
And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands, is the truest art of living,  
Achieved alone by those who've learned, the victory of giving—  
For any sacrifice on earth, made in the dear Lord's name,  
Assures the giver of a place in heaven's "Hall of Fame."  
And who can say with certainty where the greatest talent lies  
Or who will be the greatest in our heavenly Father's Eyes!

Helen Steiner Rice

**Angelus Funeral Home**

Directors in Charge

## ORDER OF SERVICE

(Viewing of remains before the Service)

PROCESSIONAL	
SONG	
PRAYER .....	Elder J. C. Brewster
SCRIPTURE .....	Elder Leandrew Davis
SOLO—"Pearly White City" .....	Sis. Callie French
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....	Sis. Lucille Howard
REMARKS (3 mins. Please)	
Mother Addie Wilbourne .....	Emmanuel Church Mother
Mrs. Ernestine Perkins .....	Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. Norma L. Burrel .....	Coordinator of Recording Secretaries, National Women Convention
Mother Gertie Houston .....	Supervisor, Women Dept. Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Juris.
Mother Lillian A. Morris .....	Supervisor Women Dept. Southern Calif. 1st Juris.
SOLO—"If I Can Help Somebody" .....	Ms. Gloria Jones
TRIBUTES	
So. Cal. First Juris. Puritans	
Sis. Barbara Rogers, President	
Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co.	
Mr. Ivan Houston, Chmn. & Chief of Exec. Offices	
COGIC, Inc. Financial Office	
Eld. E. J. O'Neal, Memphis, Tennessee	
SOLO—"I Don't Know About Tomorrow" .....	Dr. Noah Shumate
EULOGISTIC REMARKS	
Bishop B. R. Benbow .....	Jurisdictional Bishop California Southwest
Bishop George McKinney .....	Jurisdictional Bishop So. Calif. Second Jurisdiction
Bishop B. J. Crouch .....	Jurisdictional Bishop Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Juris.
Bishop Charles E. Blake .....	Jurisdictional Bishop So. Calif. First Jurisdiction
OBITUARY .....	Sis. Kathy Bankhead
SOLO .....	Sis. Doris Wilbourne
EULOGY .....	Eld. LeRoy R. Mardis
RECESSIONAL	

## INTERMENT

Inglewood Park Cemetery

## OBITUARY

of

### EVANGELIST MILDRED GLADYS CHRISTIAN BRATCHER

Mildred Gladys Christian Bratcher, was born December 23, 1915, in Memphis, Tennessee, to the parentage of the late Elder Harry T. and Evangelist Bessie Christian. She was the granddaughter of the late Evangelist Laurel Christian.

In 1932, Mildred graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tennessee. She attended Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan and received a degree in Business Administration.

She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at a very early age.

After coming to Los Angeles, she became a member of the Grace Memorial Church, pastored by the late Elder W. J. Taylor. In 1954, she joined the Emmanuel Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop S. M. Crouch; now pastored by Elder Leroy Mardis.

In 1949, Mildred was employed by the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. Upon retiring she was Supervisor of the Financial Service Department.

As a recognized leader, she served in many capacities. Her offices and achievements include:

#### Locally:

President of the Mother's Board; member of Pulpit Guild; member of the Senior Hospitality Board; and Financial Secretary.

#### State:

Financial Secretary; President of the Courtesy Board, Secretary of the Advisory Board, State Women's Dept. So. Calif. First Jurisdiction.

#### National:

Recording Secretary in the International Women's Convention, member of Hospitality Board, and a member of the Finance Board for the General Headquarters of the COGIC, Memphis, Tenn.

She organized the Purity Class and was the State President for many years in So. Calif. and later served as State Counsellor. She was a Field Representative of the COGIC Hospital Fund.

Mildred will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her motto was "If a task is once begun, never leave it until it's done; be the task great or small, do it well or not at all."

IT'S WHAT A WORKER DOES, NOT WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF DOING, THAT SHOWS IN THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT . . .

She leaves to cherish her memory: an aunt, Mrs. Thelma Fraser; a cousin, Cherly Denise Fraser of Miami, Fla.; other cousins of Chicago, Ill, a host of Christian brothers and sisters and friends.